Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2008

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme

God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

Look Into Your Life

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "Who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

Monday, January 14
1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 15
1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mark 1:21-28

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 16
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. – High School Youth Event

Thursday, January 17
1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, January 18
1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, January 19
1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For Dennis and Judy Olson's 40th Wedding Anniversary, and for all married couples

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Irene Daschel*
Altar Servers: *Courtney Cassen, Jessica and Kimberly Schacher*
Blood: *Joe Deaver, Roberta Balzer, Jim and Barb Scherr*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Dennis and Judy Olson*
Sacristans: *Joe and Linda Schacher*
Ushers: *Reggie and Jayme Hunt*
Choir: *Family Choir*

6:00 p.m. – Celebration of Dennis and Judy Olson's 40th Anniversary

Sunday, January 20
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Bob Biegler

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Brianna Quinn, Jack Tidemann, Kevin Chamberlain*
Blood: *Kathy Amiotte, Larry Williamson, Jerry Silbernagel, Pat Suiter*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Kathy Amiotte, Teresa Thompson*
Sacristans: *Frank and Donna Boner*
Ushers: *Kevin Rohrbach, Don Everson*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Community

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Mary Pulaski, Kayla McCaskell, Whitney Werdell*
Blood: *Jan Schurman, Sharon Long, Ken and Kathy Van Asma*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Tanya McCaskell, Carrie Baker*
Sacristans: *Ken and Kathy Van Asma*
Ushers: *Brad McCaskell, Jim Pulaski*
Choir: *Folk Group*

7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer with Adoration

Sparks from Fr. Mark

This past week at our Pastoral Council meeting, we talked about the importance of communication as a parish community. One example raised was that, due to some recent changes in the Liturgical calendar, people are not sure which masses are Holy Days of Obligation. To help answer that question, here is an article on the Holy Days of Obligation from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' web page:

What are the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States?

At their plenary assembly in November 1991, with follow-up mail balloting by absentees, the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved two motions which affect the observance of Holy Days of Obligation in dioceses of the United States. They decided that whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or Monday, the precept to attend mass is abrogated. The next month, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, President of the NCCB, requested confirmation of this decision from the Vatican Congregation of Bishops. This action was confirmed by the Congregation for Bishops on July 4, 1992 (Prot. N. 296/84), after that dicastery had received the advice of the Congregation for the Clergy and the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legal Texts. The letter of confirmation was signed by Bernardin Cardinal Gantin, Prefect, and Archbishop Justin Rigali, Secretary. Pope John Paul II approved and confirmed the same on the same date.

On November 17, 1992 Archbishop Pilarczyk announced this confirmation to the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in executive session. His decree promulgating this decision follows:

National Conference of Catholic Bishops
United States of America Decree of Promulgation

On December 13, 1991, the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America made the following general decree concerning Holy Days of Obligation for Latin rite Catholics:

In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows: January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension; August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints; December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend mass is abrogated.

This decree of the Conference of Bishops was approved and confirmed by the Apostolic See by a decree of the Congregation for Bishops (Prot. N. 296/84), signed by Bernardin Cardinal Gantin, prefect of the Congregation, and dated July 4, 1992.

Blessings, Fr. Mark

Prayer List
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Joe Creek, Frank Keller, Grant Coffin, Sharon Long, Missy Jorgensen, Cliff Meyer, Gertrude Bessie, George Senn, Dorothy Norman, Jim Raba, Dorothy Roseland Mary Kay Young, Cindy Thompson, Shirley Little Thunder, Daisy Plumb, Sr. Celine Erk, Lauretta Hoff

Repose: Craig Reagle, Gene Inman, Violet "Bobbie" Welling

Stewardship January 5 & 6

Loose	$2,399.80
Envelopes	$1,623.00
Votive	$3.50
Student	$90.98
Cookbook Sales	$11.25
Building Fund	$215.00
Christmas	$110.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$50.00
Other	$219.00
Total	$4722.53

Annual Ash Wednesday Collection

Last year Catholic Social Services (CSS) served 13,939 individuals. Monies received from the annual Ash Wednesday appeal on February 6 will allow CSS to provide services to people in need, regardless of ability to pay. Your continued generosity allows CSS to serve more people each year. Working together, we can change lives.

Cecilia and Frank Keller would like to thank all who helped them and came to visit while Frank was at the VA. Your prayers and support mean a lot to them.

Thank you!

Gift of the Magi Collection

The Peace and Justice Ministry would like to thank all who donated to our Gift of the Magi collection for families on the Standing Rock Reservation. We are sending two ski bibs, two scarves, 29 hats, 17 pairs of gloves, and 36 pairs of socks! And Tom and Kay Reeve donated 100 thermal undershirts!

Quilt Ministry

We will have a meeting Sunday, January 20, after 8:00 mass, in the rectory. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please come to the meeting.

Women's Encounter

We will have a booklet retreat Tuesday, January 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All women are welcome. For more information, please call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

Update on the OLBH Library

From Mary Coffin

The start of the liturgical year always provides us with new beginnings. The OLBH Parish Library has books which can give all of us a fresh start to study our faith and answer basic questions. See these books on display on the table in front of the library, and check them out for a productive month of reading.

First, if you are attending Gatherings of Grace and would like some background information on the philosophy of educating the whole parish, try the book, *Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English*. It explains the background and strengths of the philosophy of intergenerational education.

Former Bishop Charles Chaput has written a book which provides a springboard to understanding principles of our Catholic faith. *Living the Catholic Faith: Rediscovering the Basics* will be helpful guide on taking your "spiritual pulse." Peter Kreeft gives a great start on our individual Bible studies in his book: *You Can Understand the Old Testament: A Book-by-Book Guide for Catholics.* Brief explanations are offered by Raymond Brown in *101 Questions and Answers on the Bible.* F.J. Sheed explains of the primary elements of our faith in *Theology for Beginners*.

Dennis and Judy Olson are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a potluck dinner after mass on Saturday, January 19, in the church hall. Bring a favorite salad or dessert and join us. No gifts, please.

The Greatest of These is Love!

Back by popular demand, the 2008 Married Sweethearts Mass and Dinner Dance will be held **Saturday, February 9**. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Black Hills in Piedmont, and the dinner dance will follow at Stagestop Receptions across the road. Registration is $50 per couple. Registration is required by February 1. NO late registrations will be accepted. For more information, contact Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or kcordes@diorc.org.

Unity of Two: Strength for Marriages

Come dine with us and hear Fr. Brian Christensen speak on this important topic. **Who:** Husbands and wives or those preparing for marriage. **When:** January 25 after the 5:30 p.m. mass. **Where:** Cathedral Hall. **Cost:** Dinner $25.00 per couple or $14.00 per person, checks to Regnum Christi. **RSVP:** by January 21 to Brenda Hill at 390-1864, or Jenny Sullivan at 343-5210.

Attention High School Seniors

Applications for the Catholic University of America Scholarship for the Diocese of Rapid City are available in the gathering area.

Black Hawk Cancer Fighters

The Black Hawk Fire Department will host a Soup and Dessert event on January 26, 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please join us on your way to or from the Stock Show, after shopping, or simply drop by for a great bowl of soup. Free-will donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society; donations are tax deductible. Please help us in the fight against cancer. If you have any questions, call Lynn Reindl at 718-9267 or Anita McMillin at 716-4791.

Cursillo Meetings at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 19, we will have a pastoral planning workshop from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with mass at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided; free will offerings accepted. There will also be a potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by Ultreya at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Pat at 716-9796.

Prayer and Fasting to Promote a Culture of Life

January 22 marks the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in our country. The numbers are staggering: 48 million abortions in the U.S. over the past 35 years, and 748 abortions in our state in 2006. Bishop Blase Cupich is urging all Catholics to pray and fast on January 22 and to ask the Lord to move the hearts of all citizens to value human dignity and to work together to promote laws that will protect the unborn and create a just society through a livable wage, adequate health care for families, and assistance to mothers.

All are encouraged to participate in a special diocesan gathering to be held at OLPH Cathedral. 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, January 21, and end just before the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 22. The Eucharistic Adoration is being held to ask God for healing in our nation, to repair the harm done to people and society when lives are lost through abortion, and to continue to inspire people to become more deeply committed to taking up the task of building a culture of life in our society. Those who want to commit to taking a specific hour can sign up by calling Gail at 348-4073 or the Cathedral office at 342-0507. All are invited to come when they can and offer prayers for the intentions of the day.

National Vocations Awareness Week

January 13-18 is National Vocations Awareness Week. It begins with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, when "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Each of us receives the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptism, and we are called to live this out according to his plan. Let us remember to pray for priests and consecrated men and women this week, and for married couples and families. Send a card to a priest or consecrated person this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ, or invite them for dinner. Pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life!

For the Ride Home

By Ted Berg

Scripture:

•I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness (Isaiah 42:6-7).

•The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29:11).

•He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him (Acts 10:38).

•After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him (Matthew 3:16).

Reflection:

•How is Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus being baptized by John?

•How does your baptism prepare you to follow Jesus in completing Isaiah's prophecy?

•What can you do in this New Year to realize the grace and promise of your baptism to bring peace to the oppressed of the world?

What can the world promise? Let it promise what it will; it is making that promise to someone who may die tomorrow. (Augustine of Hippo)

The future enters into us, in order to transform itself in us, long before it happens. (Rainer Marie Rilke)

First Reconciliation Retreat

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2008

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Black Hills

Please R.S.V.P. to:
Aaron & Cathleen at 787-6398
or Dan & Rebeca at 787-6536

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. This is also the World Day for Consecrated Life, celebrated in the US on the nearest Sunday, February 3, 2008. Just as Jesus was presented in the temple, so have many men and women followed him by consecrating their lives to him, as religious sisters and brothers, monks and nuns, religious priests, hermits, consecrated virgins, in secular institutes. Let us remember to pray for all consecrated men and women at this time. Send a card to someone you know who is consecrated this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church, or invite them for dinner. Pray for more vocations to consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life!
www.Gods-call.org

Christian Family Planning Seminar

Join us **Saturday, January 19**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Anthony's in Hot Springs. This is a requirement for engaged couples, and also an enriching learning experience for married couples, or anyone wanting to know more about natural family planning. For more information, or to register, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Marriage Encounter

They say the greatest gift one can give cannot be bought from the store, but comes from the heart. Why not give a gift of love to your spouse this holiday season? Why not give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? The next weekend will be **January 25-27**, at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center near Irene, SD. For more information, or to register call John or Dawn Elsinger at 605-362-0924 or visit www.WWME.org.

"Heal Your Grief"
Bereavement Support Group

This is an eight-week, non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please come early to register. For more information call Janece Rieman at 343-5547.

Engaged Encounter Weekend

Engaged or newly married couples will focus on developing a mutual, faithful, and permanent marriage relationship. This weekend will be held **February 15-17** at St. Martin's Community Center near Rapid City. For information, or to register, contact Greg & Connie Forstner, 605-341-6032.

Rachel's Corner

Healing for those affected by abortion is not accomplished by clinging to guilt and despair, but by trusting in God's love. Accepting God's forgiveness is the first step toward an obedience rooted in both faith and hope and it is the only escape from the deepest despair. We can help.

Forgiveness, healing, and hope are offered at a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**, a ministry for those affected by abortion. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: February 22-24, 2008 in Richardton, ND and April 18-20, 2008 in Rapid City, SD.

The Baptism of the Lord

The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized - in economics and politics, in law and public policy - affects the well-being of individuals and of society.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship *(Bulletin Insert)* USCCB, November 14, 2007
www.usccb.org *use search function.*
(From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)